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SUBJECT: FOOD SITUATION

1. SECOND QUARTER PL 480 ALLOCATION LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE SRI LANKA. WE SENSE FROM COLOMBO 2832 THAT ECONOMIC SITUATION IS BECOMING MORE CRITICAL PARTICULARLY ON FOOD SIDE. WE NEED, HOWEVER, MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS AND ANALYSIS OF INTERACTION BETWEEN FOOD IMPORT REQUIREMENTS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION. (AMPLIFICATION OF FIGURES CONTAINED FIR FIELD NUMBER NNC 5217 WOULD BE USEFUL.) TO EXTENT POSSIBLE WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANALYSIS OF NUTRITIONAL EFFECT OF CURRENT SHORT SUPPLY IN FOOD INCLUDING VERIFICATION OF AUSTIN FERNANDO'S INDICATION REPORTED STATE 221933 THAT MALNUTRITION HAS BECOME REAL PROBLEM. CALCULATIONS SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN METRIC TON AND DOLLAR VALUE TERMS.

2. IN SHORT EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF EXTENT
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TO WHICH GSL HAS FACTORED US-SUPPLIED PL480 WHEAT FLOUR

INTO ITS IMPORT CALCULATIONS, TIMING OF WHEN THIS FLOUR
IS NEEDED AND REPURCUSSIONS IF PL 480 SHIPMENTS ARE DELAYED
UNTIL LATE IN FY 75 OR OMITTED ENTIRELY. IF POSSIBLE WOULD
LIKE THIS BY OCTOBER 16. WHERE STATISTICS LACKING, USE YOUR
OWN INTERPRETATION OF SITUATION. INGERSOLL

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